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AL MENTION.

has recovered from an
is home from a business
Trowbridge is visiting
began.
went to Chicago last
Taggart went to Spring-
Harristown, was i
business.
Mrs. A. G. Webber have
from Chicago.
Faller of Newton, is in
Miss Agnes Perl.
Hadden of Sandusky, Ohio,
Miss Mrs. A. B. Alex-
Whitehurst left today
where she will visit
Burrows, Miss Mande-
Albert Barnes have re-
Chicago.
is confined to his home as
severe sprain to his back
the moving of a piano.
C. L. Capen and son of-
in the city visiting Al-
F. M. Young.
Bill left today for Lafayette
a month's engagement
the First Spiritualist so-
Patterson and Mr. and
son drove to Latham to-
Mr. Patterson will
tomorrow.
the well known barber,
with a stroke of paralysis
is recovering and it is
soon be able to be out.
Wood, who has been
at Detroit, Mich., is
a vacation with her par-
R. H. Wood.
son has returned to To-
preaching a successful
at the A. M. E. church.
successful revivalist.
Hartley, formerly book-
carpet house, is now
has taken a position in
ward & Ernest company,
se.
David Hoff moved to
Saturday with his family.
resident of Marion for
has many friends here
for his success in his new
all, formerly of Baltimore,
is now on duty as ac-
Decatur Light Heat
company. He is an expert
electric manager and is a
theater.
WEARER'S PUZZLE.
Left at Folsom &
Store.
seen a crush of humanity
Folsom & Hardy's shoe
bringing in sealed answers
"Puzzle," the result
not be made known until
The public are for the
best know what it is. It is
a firm's newspaper adver-
to noon over 1000 an-
received. Some coming
ebra and Iowa. Guess-
up to May 11 at 6 p.m.
opes will be opened and
be made. Hurry up if
ce at those shoe prizes—
ELD DAY.
Boys Held Their Out-
This Afternoon.
of boys are this afternoon
field day exercises at the
Unfortunately the weather is
such an event and as the
working hard selling tick-
week the attendance was
persons drove out, some
and the street cars took
number. The program in-
of out door sports. Only
high school were eligible
contestants. The winners of
nts will represent the De-
at the state high school
which is to be held at
month.
to Taxpayers.
on for judgment against
on which taxes remain
being prepared and will
the county court. Im-
ment will save taxpayers
peed by law.
of these penalties is
ry with the treasurer,
H. PATTERSON,
County Treasurer.
Notice.
the St. Louis and Indian-
the street car company
at 5:30 o'clock tomor-
orning, thus enabling all
at on time.
rdon Seeds.
a large stock of all kinds
C. S. fresh bulk garden
moor & Lehman Co.'s—
Celebrated for its great
strengths and healthfulness. Assure
food against all kinds of
toration common to the cheap brands.
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SOLENNY REQUIEM MASS.

Impressive Ceremony for the Bazaar Fire Dead at Paris.
Paris, May 8.—Requiem mass for the repose of the souls of victims of the charity Bazaar fire was celebrated at noon today in Cathedral Notre Dame. The interior is heavily draped in black with silver embroidery. The main doorway is draped with a huge pall of spangled silver, edged with ermine and raised on either side by silver loops. At an early hour the square in front of the cathedral was densely packed with people. There was an imposing catafalque covered with flowers in front of the choir, which contained remains of the Comptess Jullin and Madame Julian. Among the floral tributes were magnificent wreaths from the emperor and empress of Germany. President Faure occupied a raised platform at the left of the choir. Behind him were ranged the families of the victims, members of the government, diplomatic corps and other notables.

NEW YORK TURNERS LEAD.

Progress of the Contests at the National Turnbund.
St. Louis, May 8.—Rain this morning interfered with the field exercises of the national Turnfest, but the individual contests which were held at the various booths and that building with which the fair grounds abound, were not interrupted. Still there were fifty-nine societies whose members cannot not take part in the 100-yard foot races. If these can't be run off the whole contest will be declared off. The opinion is now that the New York Turnverein stands a good chance either for the first or second prize in the first group. So far New York, San Francisco and Denver are showing up as the best among the visitors.

OFF FOR EUROPE.

The Bi-metallic Commissioners on Their Way to Paris and London.
New York, May 8.—Ex-Vice President Stevenson, General G. C. Paine, and United States Senator Wolcott, appointed by President McKinley as a commission to confer with European governments relative to holding an international bi-metallic conference, sailed for Paris today. After conferring with the French government the commissioners will visit London, Berlin, Vienna and capitals of other European nations.

Escapes the Gallows.

Charlesston, Ill., May 8.—The trial of Ed. Henderson for the killing of his nephew, William Bolye, January 29 last, was before the circuit court all this week, and ended yesterday by the jury returning a verdict of manslaughter. It is understood that several of the jury were for murder in the first degree, with hanging as the sentence.

Lots of Money but No Health.

Chicago, Ill., May 8.—E. Kellogg Beach, a retired capitalist with \$1,500,000 suicided today in his bath room today. The cause was ill health.

Another.

Richmond, Va., May 8.—N. W. Nelson, president of the Metropolitan bank, was found dead in his bed room this morning with the gas turned on. It is supposed that the suicide was the result of sickness.

The Waukegan Murder.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 8.—There is no change in the condition of the victims of Murderer Pouch near Waukegan. McHolt, the hired man will probably die. Mrs. Harris and Miss Vashach are doing well. The murderer has not yet been apprehended.

Convention Ended.

Peoria, May 8.—The annual convention of the sixth division of railway postal clerks, closed this morning with addresses on the good of the order.

Large line of Eastman's photographic goods, fresh, clean and new. H. Mueller Gun Co.

Champaign only pays his mayor \$400 a year, its city clerk \$600 and its attorney \$200 a year.

Account of the Turnfest of North American Gymnastic Union at St. Louis the Wabash will sell tickets at one fare for the round trip, May 6, 8 and 9. In addition to the Turn Fest there are a great many other attractions at St. Louis, viz: a railway collision, theatres and parks. To accommodate the traveling public we will on May 8 and 9 sell excursion tickets to St. Louis at \$1.50 for the round trip, good going on trains leaving Decatur at 4:05 and 7:30 p.m., of Saturday, May 8, and 8:40 and 6:55 a.m. of Sunday, May 9. Tickets will only be good returning on trains of May 9. For particulars see small bills.—24-25



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a large stock of all kinds
C. S. fresh bulk garden
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Celebrated for its great
strengths and healthfulness. Assure
food against all kinds of
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THE WAR IS OVER.

Greeks Evacuating Crete and Waiting for Peace Negotiations.

IMPORTANT OFFICIAL DECLARATION.

Prime Minister Ralli Makes the Announcement of Change of Front—Want Peace but Will Not Ask for It.

New York, May 10.—A special to the Journal from Athens says "Prime Minister Ralli says 'The government having need of all the troops possible has decided to gradually withdraw the army from Crete. This will also facilitate arrangements with the great powers which has been unofficially intimated. Greece has officially notified the foreign ministers of her intention to withdraw troops from Crete and has demanded the admission of her ships within the blockade for that purpose. She now awaits the official offer of the great powers to make proposals of peace between her and Turkey, if they please, but will not ask for it. An official note from the powers will probably be presented at once, and all depends upon its terms. The reports in the newspapers of an armistice are not true, but an armistice will probably be agreed upon if the peace negotiations are agreed upon.'"

Greece Asks for Mediation.
Athens, May 10.—It is learned on the very best authority that Greece has made a written application to the powers through their representatives at Athens with a view of obtaining mediation. All the representatives have promised in their replies to use their best offices, except the German Minister, who has merely acknowledged the receipt of the note from the Cabinet.

The Porte is inclined to support the powers, with a view to the facilitation of negotiations, but it declines to consent to an armistice on the ground that this would enable Greece to reorganize her forces.

As a matter of fact Turkey continues to send troops from Salonica homeward, and it is probable that Osman Pasha has returned to Constantinople from Salonica. In view of both facts it may be assumed that nothing serious is expected, but the continuance of a state of war is regarded as the very best means of hastening the efforts of diplomacy. Without doubt hopes have been raised in Turkey that the Ottoman government might annex Thessaly and restore the old frontier of 1881, but the nation is not inclined to risk such a step. On the contrary he opposes it uncompromisingly and will not yield to the pressure of the war party at Constantinople. He will be satisfied with the reasonable indemnity and a slight rectification of the Eastern Thessalian frontier, such a one as would give Turkey several strategic positions in the vicinity of Nezeros.

A dispatch from Larina, dated yesterday, says that Crown Prince Constantine is still at Domokos, and that Gen. Smolentski is at Halmyros.

Ricotti Garibaldi and the Italian volunteers have arrived at Halmyros. The dispatch says the exodus of inhabitants from Domokos, Larina and the surrounding country continues. Greek torpedo boats still patrol the gulf of Volo. It is probable that more fighting will occur at Domokos.

The telegraph is working to Domokos, and the latest dispatch from that point says that the Turks are half way between Pharsalos and Domokos, and are believed to be planning an attack on the latter. The Turks do not molest the inhabitants of the villages they have occupied, but they have burned houses and plundered several churches at Pharsalos.

In the course of an interview today Col. Vassos said:
"The union between Crete and Greece is now an actual fact and nothing is lacking but the consent of Europe. The foreign admirals recently asked my authority to advance their troops into Crete beyond the zone previously occupied. 'The powers may do what they like. The union of Crete and Greece is inevitable and a necessity.'"

It is reported in official circles that Queen Olga has sent a telegram to the Czar soliciting the mediation of Russia. The Greek western squadron has recovered large numbers of women and children from villages along the Epirus coast threatened by the Turks. Styria, near Larina, has been made the port of revictualing the Greek army. Some Greek troops from Velesino have embarked on the Greek man-of-war at Volo.

More Turkish Victories.
Constantinople, May 10.—The Turkish commander, Janina, reports that the Greek forces at Kamarina, have been

defeated by three battalions of Turks, who occupied Kamarina. Later the Greeks made a stand at the church above the village and afterwards retired to the bridge of Agros Georgis, where they made a determined stand, but were finally routed again. Edhem Pasha reports from Velesino the details of the occupation of Volo by the Turks and the institution of the Ottoman administration there, the withdrawal of the Greek fleet and the seizure of a large quantity of munitions of war. He requests that the Turkish custom officers be sent there to insure continuance of business.

PRINCESS OF WALES TROUBLED.

Lord Salisbury Protests Against Her Action in Subscribing to the Greek Relief Fund.

London, May 10.—Lord Salisbury is said to have joined in the quarrel in the Prince of Wales' household by protesting against the action of the princess in subscribing to the Chronicle's fund for the relief of the Greek sick and wounded. The fund is avowedly partisan and the action of one near the throne is contrary to all precedents. But it has touched the popular heart and increased the sympathy for the princess in her sore trouble at home and abroad.

It is improbable that Lord Salisbury moved in the matter so far as to embarrass the princess. He is generally credited with Turcophile sentiments, but this is unjust. Years ago he saved Turkey from dismemberment. That action was not dictated by any love for the Sultan, but by political motives.

The last two years, during which the Sultan has laughed at him, played with and defied him, have planted in the British premier's breast a deadly animosity toward the ports which no action of the Ottoman tyrant will ever remove.

If the premier could be certain of England getting a choice joint in the process of carving up Turkey, she might, as far as he is concerned, commence tomorrow. But it is obvious from Lord Salisbury's speech before the Primrose League that he does not think the carving could be conducted with safety just now, or with any advantage to his country.

HIS EXAMPLE AN INSPIRATION.

Smolentski Inspires His Men with the Old Fire Attributed to Skobeleff.

Volo, May 10.—A stirring incident in connection with the battle at Velesina has just been reported. Gen. Smolentski, with something of the magnetic enthusiasm attributed to Skobeleff, rode along the lines, addressing the soldiers and inspiring them to remember the traditions of their race till the sacred soil of Thessaly should be saturated with their blood, if need be. It was like an inspiration. Both uniformed soldiers and men with only bandoliers filled with cartridges, the belts around their native attire, cheered and gripped their rifles more firmly. They gave another shout of determination and indulged in reckless wild, but sometimes searching shell fire.

The Turks fired volley after volley steadily on their intrepid enemy. Then the Greeks left the shelter of their trenches and charged with wild shouts. The Turks quivered for a moment and retired in confusion to the shelter of the mountain ridges. It was a brilliant Greek success.

TURKEY'S TERMS.

It Wants Money, Territory, the Greek Navy and Several Other Things.

Vienna, May 10.—It is reported that Turkey's terms of peace with Greece include the payment of an indemnity of \$15,000,000, the rearrangement of the Greek frontier, the annulling of the treaties favoring the Greeks, the cession of the Greek fleet to Turkey and the settlement of the Cretan question.

New Postal Telegraph Line Ready.

New York, May 10.—The Postal Telegraph company completed its new southwestern system of telegraph lines between Memphis and Little Rock Friday. Telegrams of congratulation were received by President Chandler of the Postal Telegraph company from Governor Jones of Arkansas and from other state and city officials upon the advent of the telegraph company's system into the capital of the state.

Wealthy Widow Killed.

Sturgis, Mich., May 10.—Mrs. Cyrus Fillmore, widow of the brother of Ex-President Millard Fillmore, fell from a porch at her daughter's residence yesterday and died shortly after from concussion of the brain. She was the oldest resident in the town, being over 95 years of age and very wealthy.

Collision at Sea.

Hamburg, May 10.—The Dutch steamer Firdene, and the Norwegian bark Redvart collided today. Both are supposed to be foundered. It is reported that thirteen of the two crews were saved but the drowned is largely in excess of that number.

Twenty Miners Killed.

London, May 10.—By an explosion in the Snaefell lead mine on the Isle of Man, twenty miners were killed.

FIRE AT SEA.

Thirteen Men, Women and Children Burn to Death or Suffocated.

IN THE STEAMSHIP LEONA.

The Bodies Landed in New York Today—All Burned Beyond Recognition—Captain Wilder Placed Under Arrest.

New York, May 10.—The Malory Line steamship, Leona, which sailed from a southern port Saturday returned at a late hour last night with thirteen corpses of men, women and children aboard. They were burned and suffocated Saturday night. The dead are:
B. Contrine.
Miss I. Vallok.
Bridget Sullivan.
Mrs. C. Guzza.
Miss Guzza.
Maria H. Hardeo and two children.
Sophia Schmalz.
Joseph Solomons.
Hanna Solomons; all steerage passengers.

Ship's company:
H. Hartman and J. Butcher, waiters.
H. H. Harvey and Alfred Long, stewards.

Whether they died from smoke or flames is uncertain. It is certain that the bodies were charred beyond recognition before they were removed from the steamer. The flames were discovered at an early hour this morning. The first mate discovered smoke arising from the forecastle and aroused the captain and crew. Immediate efforts were made to save the steerage passengers but it was impossible to reach them and rescue more than half of them. There was an incipient mutiny among the Italian stokers, but they were driven back to their posts by the prompt action of the officers. The flames were under control in a few hours and the vessel returned to this port. Early this morning the coroner removed the bodies to the morgue. An inquest will be held later. Meantime Captain Wilder is under arrest.

CUBAN NEWS.

Part of the Troops Under Water—A Town Captured by the Insurgents.

Key West, Fla., May 10.—The town of Amarillas, Matanzas Province, according to Havana advices, was raided by a Cuban guerrilla force last week and the Spanish garrison captured. The Cubans looted the stores, burned the block houses there, and after remaining two days at the place, left, taking with them all the uniforms of the Spanish soldiers, releasing them on promise not to fight during the present war.

The town of Alquiza, in Havana Province, was raided this week while a train was at the station. A band of 800 insurgents rode up and surrounded the train and compelled the passengers and about 100 soldiers in the train to line up at the side of the track. The Spanish troops, seeing the number of the Cubans, would not venture to fire and the Cuban commander sarcastically commended the officers in charge for their forethought. None of the civilians on the train were disturbed but all the Spanish soldiers were searched and their arms taken from them, much to their chagrin. The Spanish officers were treated a little harshly being deprived of most of their uniforms. The insurgents broke into the provisions of the train, which were on route to one of the forts further below, and had a feast at the station, to which they invited all the travelers on the train except the Spanish soldiers. After holding the place and train for half a day they rode off waving their farewells to the sentinels on the car and shouting sarcastically to the official on officers.

The flooding of Weyer's trocha systems has occasioned much comment as the news has come in that both the systems are under water from 1 to 4 feet for miles at the southern end. On the west trocha in the central portion for a distance of nearly fifteen miles it is impossible except for boats. The troops in the fort are in a terrible state as they are obliged to subsist on half rations as the Cubans have made it "inconvenient" for those who were carrying supplies to them in boats. They have stationed themselves in the heights along the way and as the boats pass they fire into them, sinking them. I'm boats, so far, have been sunk and many soldiers drowned in these expeditions.

A curious incident was reported from the lower end of the west trocha the other day. Seeing a white flag on one of the forts the Cubans rowed out to ascertain the meaning. They were informed that

the buildings were undermined and that the soldiers were all sick and were likely to drown if the building fell, the water being quite deep around it. The Cubans rescued all the soldiers, put them into an old boat and towed them within a quarter of a mile of another fort, allowing them to make their way to a place of safety.

A train from Cardenas was held up one day this week by seventy-five insurgents. None of the passengers were disturbed, but twenty-five troops and soldiers who were on board were compelled to give up their arms and valuables and also most of their uniforms. The insurgents then made the train proceed, compelling the troops to walk to the next town, some ten miles distant.

Diego Garcia was executed at Cabanas, Fortress.

It is said that the Porto Rican battalion had an encounter with the insurgents, killing the Cuban commander, Luis Martinez.

Reports from Rula Rivera say that he will probably die from a gangrened wound.

The Spaniards attacked a Cuban hospital at Victoria, Santa Clara, assassinating eighty-four persons, including sick and wounded, women, nurses and Dr. Zullino and Lieut. Upranco Ojeda, insurgents.

MR. CALHOUN'S MISSION.

He Will Investigate the Cause of the Death of Dr. Ruiz.

Washington, May 10.—W. J. Calhoun, of Illinois, special counsel for the United States government in the Ruiz case, left Washington Sunday night on the Florida special for Tampa, where he will take the steamer for Havana. He was accompanied by Mr. Fishback, who goes in the capacity of his secretary. Mr. Calhoun expects to spend a day or two after his arrival in Havana in consultation with Consul General Lee before undertaking the formal beginning of the inquiry. He says that his functions are strictly limited to the investigation of the conditions under which Dr. Ruiz met his death in the jail at Guanabacoa.

The proceedings are not to be in the nature of a legal trial, for so far at least, there is no accused person. They will rather be in the line of a close and thorough investigation, which is to be held with the consent of the officers of the Spanish government, and the United States will be represented by special counsel also by its invitation in order to offer every assurance that the proceedings are fair and complete. It is expected that the investigation will be initiated by the Spanish authorities just as soon as Mr. Calhoun indicates that he is ready to begin.

CAPT. STRONG ASSASSINATED.

Famous for His Connection with Deadly Feuds in Kentucky.

Lexington, Ky., May 10.—Capt. William Strong, aged 72, was shot and instantly killed near his home in Breathitt county yesterday by unknown persons. He left his home to visit a neighbor, and when not more than a mile away he was fired on from ambush, seven bullets entering his person. A large number of his friends are searching the mountains for the assassins.

Capt. Strong was one of the famous fighters in Eastern Kentucky. He was a captain in the federal army, serving four years under the noted cavalry leader, Frank Woolford. Shortly after the war the Amos family tried to kill Capt. Strong, as a result of a quarrel over some hogs, but the captain's friends went to his rescue and the Amos family were driven out of the country. Over forty men died with their boots on as a result of that feud. Last year the feud between Capt. Strong and Ed. Callahan began, because the captain was told that Callahan was the leader of the Ku-Klux. Three men were killed before the authorities caused the leaders to be arrested, two weeks ago. When brought to Jackson they made peace and parted as the best of friends, apparently.

NOT ENDED YET.

Illinois House Will Take a Whack at the Alleged Bribery Case.

Springfield, May 10.—The charge made of Friday by A. L. Hamilton that he was offered \$2000 by W. C. Garrard, a member of the state board of agriculture, to vote for the Hamrby bill, Garrard being under the impression that Hamilton was Representative Flannigan, is still the sensation of the city. Opinion is divided on the merits of the controversy. Garrard denies positively the statement of Hamilton. On the other hand Hamilton faced him in the matter and stuck firmly to his story. The only thing that seems absolutely sure is that the house will investigate it. A committee will in all probability be appointed on Tuesday and the affair will be probed to the bottom.

Killed by an Avalanche.

Slims, India, May 10.—A British officer, says thirty coolies were killed by an avalanche.

BELL COMPANY WINS.

Holds that Company Holds the Patent.

THE BERLINER PATENT SUSTAINED.

The Effect of the Decision Will Give the Company Control Until 1903—Secretary Gage Gives an Opinion.

Washington, May 10.—Through the decision of the United States Supreme court rendered today the Bell Telephone company won the case brought against it by the United States to annul the last Berliner patent. This decision has the effect of continuing the control of the telephone by the Bell company for seventeen years from the date of the last patent granted in 1891. The government asked to have the patent set aside on the grounds that the delay of thirteen years in the patent office was fraudulent and thought it the fault of the Telephone company in collusion with patent officers. It is certain the opinion delivered by Justice Brewer held that there was no evidence of corruption or undue influence exercised over the patent officers by the telephone company and no evidence that the delay in granting the patent was brought about by the company. Justice Harlan dissented.

Justices Gray and Brown took no part in the case, presumably because they were interested. All the other allegations of the government besides that of delay were overruled. It was claimed the Berliner patent practically controls the telephone as it has to do with both the receipt and the transmission of sound. The suit originated in the United States court of the district of Massachusetts, where it was decided in favor of the government. Upon an appeal to the circuit court of appeals the decision was reversed and the contentions of the Berliner claimants upheld. From this opinion the United States appealed to the Supreme court. Opinion of Secretary Gage on Tax on Spirits.

Washington, D. C., May 10.—In response to the senate resolution as to the effect of different rates of internal revenue tax on distilled spirits, Secretary Gage replied that according to past experience 70 cents a gallon would produce the most revenue. He recommends a rate of 90 cents and return to bonded period for three years and a tax of \$600 to \$1000 on distilleries according to capacity. He says the present rate has the effect to greatly increasing illicit distilling.

BASE BALL.

National League—May 8.

Cleveland 6, Chicago 5.
Boston 4, Washington 0.
Pittsburg 7, Cincinnati 6.
Philadelphia 11, St. Louis 7.
Philadelphia 11, Baltimore 13.
Brooklyn 5, New York 7.
May 9.
Louisville 4, St. Louis 2.
Chicago 5, Cincinnati 2.
Grand Rapids 6, Indianapolis 2.
Minneapolis 9, Milwaukee 8.
St. Paul 20, Kansas City 18.
May 9.
Columbus 6, Indianapolis 6.
Milwaukee 6, Kansas City 4.
Detroit 6, Grand Rapids 4.
How They Stand.

W. L. P. C.
Baltimore..... 11 2 346
Pittsburg..... 8 3 327
Louisville..... 8 4 337
Philadelphia..... 8 6 371
New York..... 6 5 345
Cincinnati..... 7 6 338
Cleveland..... 7 6 338
Boston..... 5 7 417
St. Louis..... 4 9 308
Brooklyn..... 4 9 308
Chicago..... 4 10 296
Washington..... 3 8 273

Peace in Sight.

Paris, May 10.—It is semi-officially stated that the impression prevails that negotiations for a settlement of the Greece-Turkey trouble will soon have satisfactory issue as the powers have agreed upon terms of peace. Germany has joined the others in the movement.

Peace on a Gold Basis.

New York, May 10.—The Herald's Washington special says "The Peruvian government has notified the United States that that nation will cease the collection of silver after May tenth and will not permit the importation of any silver coin."

Talk on California.

Howard C. Schaub made an address on California this morning at the high school before the members of the senior and junior classes. He gave interesting facts and incidents relative to the customs, climate and scenery of California.

MARKET REPORT.

By B. Z. TAYLOR.

Wheat opened a shade easier, advanced and retreated all day long, ranking a spurt about noon. Trade was rather light, but the market was not at all inactive, though having many dull spots in it. The cables were not as strong as expected. Liverpool was steady and 3/4d higher at the start, and at the close was steady and 3/4d above Saturday's closing price. World's shipments were reported at 4,748,000 bushels for the week, with which figures Beerbohm disagreed, saying the shipments were 5,000,000 bushels. The week before shipments were 3,927,000 bushels and the corresponding week a year ago were 8,764,000 bushels. Beerbohm said the crops in the Black Sea country are looking better. Wheat on passage decreased 80,000 bushels. The trade expected a good decrease in the visible today, and got a decrease of 2,850,000 bushels against 1,519,000 bushels decreased a year ago, the total being 1896, 84,000,000 bushels; 1897, 31,862,000 bushels. They also look for a bullish government, and think it will drop winter wheat condition to about 70 per cent, as against 81.4 per cent last month. There came reports of drought in Australia, and this, with the news that the Californian wheat had had no rain, helped the price. Condition of Californian crop is reported as being steadily reduced. Total clearances were 88,893 bushels wheat and 19,691 barrels flour, equalling together 179,000 bushels wheat. The northwestern receipts were large, being 419 cars (Minneapolis 888, Duluth 181) today, against 585 (Minneapolis 408, Duluth 129) a week ago, and 879 (Minneapolis 364, Duluth 175) a year ago.

Corn opened about where it closed. Trade small and market almost dead. Very little doing; comparatively no movement. The corn on passage decreased 720,000 bushels. Visible decreased 1,930,000 bushels, vs. 989,000 bushels a year ago. Totals: 1896, 10,337,000 bushels; 1897, 15,061,000 bushels.

Oats opened about where they closed. Trade small; range narrow; market not active; no features. Visible decreased 827,000 bushels vs. 358,000 bushels a year ago. Totals: 1896, 7,853,000 bushels; 1897, 10,895,000 bushels.

Provisions opened a shade lower. Small trade; nothing doing; very narrow; no features; prices easy early, firming later.

The Visible Supply.
Chicago, May 10.—Visible supply: Wheat, 81,868,000; corn, 18,061,000; oats, 10,895,000; rye, 3,153,000; barley 1,589,000.

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
Wheat—				
May	73 3/4	74 1/4	73 3/4	74 1/4
July	72 3/4	73 1/4	71 3/4	72 3/4
Sept.	68 3/4	69 1/4	67 3/4	68 3/4
Oct.	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
Nov.	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
Dec.	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
Jan.	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
Feb.	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
March	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
April	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
May	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
June	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
July	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
Aug.	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
Sept.	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4

A PINK RIBBON.

BY BRADSHAW ISHERWOOD.

SAFURDAY afternoon was the busiest time in the week to Ellen Hampson. The little bell was continuously tinkling and the shop was often full of customers waiting to be served. Of course, the shop was not very large, and was choked full of things, principally readymade pinafores, skirts and shawls, whilst in the glass case that stood beside the door woools and bright-colored ribbons were displayed, and on the counter were laid tapes, pins and needles, and all kinds of small ware.

Craseby was a large manufacturing town, such as the north abounds in, where people earned in the factories "good money," which they were always too ready to spend; and among the women not a little of each week's wages found its way to Miss Hampson in exchange for the bright ribbons displayed in her glass case, or in a cotton blouse of brilliant tint; and Saturday afternoon was the time when those important purchases were made. Friday evening was pay time, and the money was burning holes in the owners' pockets until the half-day holiday gave them the leisure they required to go and spend it.

Ellen—or Miss Hampson as she was always called—was a general favorite in the way we regard something we rather pity. She was quiet and humble in manner, so ready to please and obliging, and would take as much trouble in serving a penny customer as one who came for things many times that amount.

In appearance she was rather gaunt; her clothes seemed to hang loosely off her, and her hands were rough and red with hard work. There was a patient look in her brown eyes, and her hair, had she allowed it, grew loosely and lightly over her temples, but this was strained tightly back. Unobtrusively she had the makings of a good-looking woman that for lack of being made the most of were going to seed.

"I've a good business," Ellen would say, "and I just live in that, and prays I'm downright ungrateful to expect more; but cottons and tapes are poor company, and now mother's gone I never feel as though it matters whether customers are few or many. It was different then; each tinkle of the bell seemed like a luxury for mother."

But it wasn't often she had time to indulge in such "wicked thoughts," as she called them, for business was brisk, and it was only during the week at "odd moments" that she could sit down a bit, and then this desolation came, and almost seemed to suffocate her. And on Sundays she seldom ventured out, except to go to church, for it was so doubly dreary to walk out alone, when everyone except herself had a companion, and right down in the bottom of her heart she envied the young couples who would stroll by arm in arm, utterly oblivious to everybody or thing except themselves.

Years ago, when she had been a girl of about 17, young George Seaton had wanted her to keep company with him; but the mother had declared she was too young, and now Ellen thought, with a sigh, "I am too old," though, in reality, she was not very much the wrong side of 30, but then she looked very much older, and it is supposed a woman is as old as she looks.

So, how ever bright the Sundays were, Ellen would not be tempted out of her little parlor to go for a walk, for she felt her loneliness more in going out than when sitting by herself in the house. It was almost like being a leper to walk alone. Doubtless there were many people, had they known how much pleasure they could have given who would gladly have visited her out walking, but the general impression was that Miss Hampson was rather a full sort of person, who was happy enough in her own way.

It had been a warm, sultry day, and towards evening Ellen stood at her door trying to get a breath of air, when Dick Darnley came along the street. He was a good-looking man, with an honest face and clear blue eyes, and was a general favorite. Craseby was not his native part, for he hailed from the Midlands. He was a carpenter by trade, and had more than once done some small jobs for Ellen.

In passing he gave her a pleasant nod, and then, turning rather suddenly, he came back and followed Ellen, who had gone in, into the shop, breathing cautiously, as though he feared to do some damage.

"I want some buttons, please," he said a little awkwardly, placing sixpence on the counter; "those with holes in them."

"What size will you be wanting?"

This was evidently a poser. At length he answered: "Middle'n big."

"You has a deal of stuff," he remarked, looking around; "but not much in my line, I'm thinking."

"O, no. I don't know anything about men's things—" blushing. "I suppose you are buying these buttons for some one? I'll change them, you know, if they're not right."

The man gave a little laugh, as if something amused him.

"I'm real obliged to you," he said; and, as the parcel was ready, he bade Ellen a civil good evening, and went out of the shop whistling.

After that evening Dick Darnley was a frequent customer, and such strange things he would buy, that Ellen grew quite puzzled.

"The neighbors must think a deal of him," she thought, "sending him on their shopping. Roughly guessing, he must have bought enough tape to reach right down to the station at Dinton, untied; and pins, and cottons, and a yard of pink ribbon—and how particular he was over the shade, bless me! He

might have been a woman! Who was it for, I wonder?"

"I'm fond of that color," he had said, as Ellen measured and cut the 1½ yards off, adding, in his frank, outspoken way: "Do you ever wear it, miss?"

"O, no," she answered, hurriedly; "colors don't suit me."

"I'm thinking as ye're wrong there," he replied. "I'm—" But a customer at that moment coming in, Darnley had taken the ribbon up and departed. The next day was Sunday, and, as usual, Ellen had seated herself in her dull little parlor, though the sun was shining invitingly, and the world was astir. It was one of these delicious summer days, with a cool, gentle breeze to temper the sun. There would be so many couples about, she couldn't bear it. Her head was aching for want of air, but she told herself "it was easier to be lonely indoors," so indoors she would stay.

A knock at the door startled her—it was a most unusual thing, and on Sunday, too; and on going to the door and opening it, she saw Dick Darnley standing outside. There he stood for a moment, without saying a word, and then he burst out:

"It's mighty difficult getting a word with you on weekdays, and I want to know if you'll come out a-walking along with me; it's real fine, and the country is just looking grand."

"Out walking with you!"—her face aglow with color.

"Yes"—eagerly—"I want you to, mightn't you? Ain't you guessed what's brought me to the shop all these weeks? And ain't I been fairly puzzled what to buy? Didn't you see my meaning as clear as though words had said it? Ain't you guessed I want you to keep company along with me? Why, bless you, I wanted none of the things, 'cept the pink ribbon! that's a fancy that took hold of me, and— But don't you stand in the street. Jest you come out walking, and I'll tell you all about pink ribbon, and who's got to wear it."

To go out walking, and with Dick Darnley, the beau of the place! Ellen's heart fairly reeled. Why, there were many young and bonny girls who would give their eyes to receive such an invitation. And she went back into the house to put on her hat, whilst Dick stood whistling at the door. Her heart beat wildly, her fingers trembled.



"I WANT SOME BUTTONS, PLEASE."

"It's come," she whispered to herself; "but I'm too old now, and I dare say it's dreadful stupid at my age; yet it would be just like tearing my heart out to refuse to go out walking, and with him, too. I'll go this once, and then it will be something to look back upon." But the once became twice, thrice, and the man would take no refusal; he arrived each Sunday afternoon. How the people stared!—ah, and talked, as weeks went by and this strangely assorted couple were to be seen out walking.

"She must be years older than him," said one; another: "I guess it's one of Dick's pranks;" and many other remarks were made, and were carefully repeated to Ellen, in whose sensitive heart they scorched and burned like fire. And if Dick hadn't been very firm and determined she would have refused to go out walking any more.

"They're right, I'm too old," she would humbly say.

"Let me answer them," he cried, fiercely; "don't you heed them. There's not one of them as could touch you. Come, Nell!"—the audacious shortening of her name fairly took her breath away—"I want you just to wear this, my girl. With a pink round your throat you will look like a queen!"—drawing the ribbon out of his pocket. "It is a fancy of mine, and it shall be our engagement sign."

"It do seem silly at my age"—timidly. "Don't you talk no more about your age, but put it on. I don't say as I haven't looked at a girl or two afore, but when I seen you—well, I looked twice, nay, I never have left off looking; and I want to see you with the knot of pink ribbon. I am waiting, Nell, my love."

And without another word the woman fastened the ribbon round her throat; and remarkably well it suited her, setting off her hair and eyes, and whilst her lover regarded her with loving, honest eyes, she lifted hers humbly up to his, thinking it was the token of the Almighty love in sending this brightness into her lonely life.

"That old thing docketed out in pink ribbon!" was what many people said. It was absurd and ridiculous to them, but to the giver and wearer it meant so much, so what did it matter what others thought?—Folks at Home.

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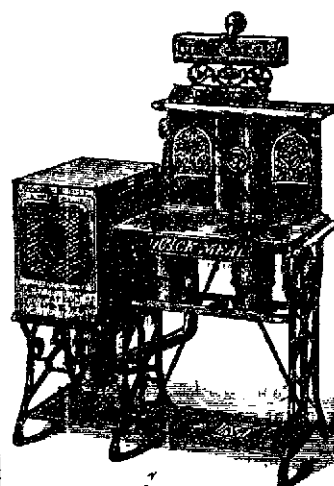
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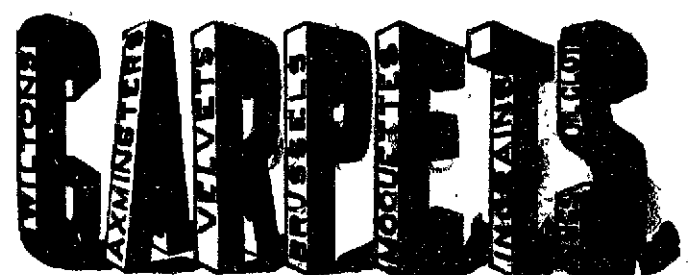
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THE FIELD DAY WINNERS.

Result of the Contests by High School Students at the Race Track.

Nearly 300 people were at the race track Saturday afternoon to witness the athletic contests connected with the second annual field day meet of the students of the Decatur High School. The sport was lively and full of interest as every young man had his friends in the grand stand. The arrangements were perfect and everything moved along smoothly and pleasantly. The gate receipts were about \$15.

The Winners.

50 yard dash—Entries, Starling. Record, Young Stummell. Won by Record in 9 5/8 seconds. Interscholastic record 5 3/4 seconds.

1/4 mile bicycle race—Entries Vail and Hoffman. Won by Vail in 36 1/5 seconds. Interscholastic record 34 3/8 seconds.

100 yard dash—Entries Starling, Young, Record, Stummell. Won by Record in 11 1/5 seconds. Interscholastic record 10 3/8 seconds.

Standing broad jump—Entries Clokey and Myers. Won by Clokey in ten feet.

Putting the 16-pound shot—Entries Myers, Clokey and Record. Won by Record, 33 feet and 8 inches.

320 yards dash—Entries Record and Young. Won by Record, time 25 4/5 seconds. Interscholastic record, 23 1/2 seconds.

Running broad jump—Entries Myers and Clokey. Won by Myers in 16 feet and 3 inches. Interscholastic record 20 3/4 feet.

One mile bicycle race—Entries Vail and Hoffman. Won by Vail in 3:14 1/5. Interscholastic record 2:49.

Pole vault—Entries Starling, Odor, Covington, Breneman, Myers. Won by Odor in 7 feet and 6 inches. Interscholastic record 9 feet and 6 inches.

220 yards hurdle placed every 20 feet. Entries Myers, Record and Starling. Won by Record in 31 seconds.

1/2 mile walk—Entries, Covington, M. Williams, McClelland, Lipscomb and Donahue. Won by Covington 4:38 3/5.

One mile run—Won by Lindsay in 5 minutes and 9 1/2 seconds. Interscholastic record 4:46.

Running high jump—Entries Myers and Clokey. Won by Myers, 4 feet and 7 inches. Interscholastic record 5 feet and 4 inches.

The Decatur High School will be represented at Champaign by Chas. Record, Bryant Vail, Ira Clokey, August Myer, Sidney Covington and Frank Lindsay.

Bart Bogges was starter, Dougherty, announcer. Judges, Prof. She

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SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1897.

REPUBLICAN JUDICIAL TICKET.

For Judge of the 3d Supreme District,
 JACOB W. WILKIN, of Vermilion.
 [Election June 7.]

For Judges of the Sixth Circuit,
 (Three to elect—Election June 7.)
 W. G. COCHRAN, of Monticello,
 F. M. WRIGHT, of Champaign,
 E. P. VAIL, of Macon.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

[Chicago, May 10.—Generally fair; pos-
 sibly local showers tonight and Tuesday;
 slight change of temperature with vari-
 able winds.

Senator Mason's Vote.

A good deal is being said about Sena-
 tor Mason's vote against the general ar-
 bitration treaty. His critics proceed upon
 the assumption that in voting as he did
 the senator has refused to vote to prevent
 war between this country and Great
 Britain. This assumption is false and of
 course the reasoning of his critics must
 be, and is, as false as the assumption.

For 85 years this government has had no
 war with Great Britain and the principal
 reason it has had no war with that great
 power lies in the fact that the war of 1812
 which Great Britain elected to have with
 the United States turned out most unfor-
 tunate for her. She undertook to bully
 this country because she underestimated
 our strength both on land and on sea.
 Had it been otherwise England would on
 more than one occasion have jumped
 Uncle Sam with the same alacrity that
 she has pounced upon weaker powers.
 Had it not been that, in a contest with us,
 this discovery was made we would never
 have been able to successfully arbitrate
 the Alabama claims, the Behring sea con-
 tention the Venezuelan question and
 many other minor affairs.

If for 85 years we could keep house,
 with Great Britain on the map, without
 war with her, in the absence of a general
 arbitration treaty, is there any good rea-
 son why we cannot continue to do so for
 85 years more without such a treaty?
 Our relative war strength with that of
 Great Britain shows a sturdy balance year
 by year on the ledger in favor of Uncle
 Sam, and if there was any doubt as to the
 fighting qualities of our people in the
 minds of the European powers that doubt
 was removed by the civil war in
 which Americans met Americans on
 bloodier battle fields, in greater battles,
 than were ever fought on the British
 Isles or in continental Europe.

As a matter of fact the Arbitration
 treaty was conceived in the diplomatic
 events belonging to the Venezuelan
 boundary dispute and was a step thrown
 out to Great Britain by an administration
 that did not have the necessary backbone
 or patriotic spirit to adopt and enforce a
 vigorous policy except in this one instance
 where Great Britain ignored the Monroe
 doctrine and in that case the administra-
 tion knew the people would stand no
 trifling.

Eliminate from the general arbitration
 treaty the hollow sentiment surrounding
 it as a savior of peace, which in fact it
 would not guarantee, and the American
 people with one voice would hail its de-
 feat with rejoicing.

Some of our leading journals take the
 position that in rejecting the treaty, Sena-
 tor Mason and those who voted with him
 have caused Great Britain to determine to
 ignore the Monroe Doctrine hereafter.
 Well, suppose this is true, did she not do
 that in the Venezuelan case; but didn't
 she change her mind about it when Sena-
 tory Olney mustered up courage enough
 to show Great Britain we meant business?
 And, can any man say that the general
 arbitration treaty which grew out of that
 backdown was not a device to let Great
 Britain down easy, and worse still, to
 make the Monroe doctrine in future simi-
 lar contentions a subject of arbitration
 and remove it as a fixed American prin-
 ciple? Those who voted to reject the treaty
 have pursued a safe course and Senator
 Mason is to be commended rather than
 criticized for his vote in that matter. It
 is very clear that Great Britain, for 85
 years, has been unable to bluff the United
 States out of any right we possessed as a
 nation and she would fare better
 trump up more contentions, under the
 blanket of a general arbitration
 treaty, which might lead to war,
 than in an open game of bluff which in
 four score and a quarter years has yielded
 her nothing and during which period she
 has never found a propitious time for
 firing a shot across the stern of an Ameri-
 can vessel or for blockading an American
 port. Senator Mason evidently voted
 right and has sufficient material from
 which to make all necessary explanations
 of his vote.

The McKinley administration is only
 two months old and yet there are men

who complain because prosperity has not
 assumed the proportions it enjoyed when
 the Democratic administration overturned
 it. These people also forget, because they
 want to forget it, that the United States
 Senate is not controlled by the Republi-
 can party and that it will be exceedingly
 difficult for them to pass such legislation
 as they desire, with the strong probability
 that unfortunate compromises will have
 to be made to secure legislation only ap-
 proaching the full expectations of the peo-
 ple.

The fact that foreign nations are com-
 plaining about the present proposed pro-
 tective tariff act is not in harmony with
 Cleveland's theory that the price of an
 imported article is advanced to the con-
 sumer by the amount of the duty paid on
 the article. In other words if the for-
 eigner believed that the consumer, under
 protection, pays the duties he would not
 complain. Protection reduces the profits
 of the foreign manufacturer's goods im-
 ported into this market and builds up
 competitive manufactures in America
 and that is the reason how.

Gomez can boast of no royal descent or
 high-sounding title, but as a commander
 he has shown that he is made of the right
 stuff while Prince Constantine who has
 had superior advantages in military train-
 ing has managed to sacrifice the army and
 self respect of Greece on the assumption
 that if a man by divine right as a prince
 he is of course competent to command an
 army.

The fact that the English papers are
 more concerned in arbitration with the
 United States than they are with the
 Transvaal, Greece or any other of the
 weaker powers is pretty conclusive evi-
 dence that the United States can get along
 with England as well without such a
 treaty.

Governor Tanner has signed the bill to
 prevent the placing of the name of any
 candidate for office upon the official ballot
 under more than one party appellation.
 The justice of the new act cannot be ques-
 tioned, and it will result in greatly sim-
 plifying the work of marking the official
 ballot at future elections.

The Democratic state administration
 seems to have been organized by Algold
 for the purpose of looting the people's
 money, and it may be said that for such
 an organization Algold was a wonderfully
 successful leader.

The Humphrey bills, the warehouse bill
 and the congressional apportionment bill
 ought all be killed. They have a common
 parentage.

There is more Catarrh in this section
 of the country than all other diseases
 put together, and until the last few
 years was supposed to be incurable.
 For a great many years doctors pro-
 nounced it a local disease, and by
 constantly failing to cure with local treat-
 ment, pronounced it incurable. Science
 has proven Catarrh to be a constitu-
 tional disease, and therefore requires
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Col. Pickett Takes Poison and
 Scorches to a Doctor's Office.

Col. Charles W. Pickett, a republican
 politician and editor of the New Haven
 (Conn.) Evening Leader, had a peculiar
 and narrow escape from poisoning the
 other night.

Col. Pickett is a sufferer from dys-
 pepsia and has been taking a tonic for
 relief. This tonic he has kept in a
 medicine chest at his house, with other
 drugs. On the night in question, feeling
 somewhat indisposed, he went to the
 medicine chest and took what he
 supposed was his tonic. In a few min-
 utes he began to feel ill, and on investi-
 gation discovered to his alarm that he
 had made a mistake, and, instead of his
 tonic, he had taken fully 100 drops of
 a toxic tonic.

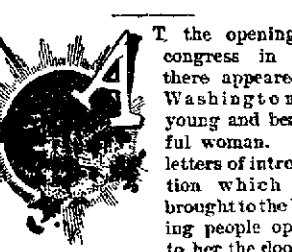
Frightened at his act, Col. Pickett
 mounted his bicycle and scorching for
 dear life to the office of Dr. William
 P. Baldwin, in Chapel street, who hastily
 gave the colonel an antidote and a
 hypodermic injection, by which the in-
 fluence of the poison was overcome.

Dr. Baldwin says it is the only case
 he has ever heard of in medical prac-
 tice where death did not follow such
 a dose as Col. Pickett swallowed. His
 exertion on the bicycle in his mad race
 for life also had a beneficial result.

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GOVERNMENT GOLD.



T the opening of congress in 1863 there appeared in Washington a young and beautiful woman. The letters of introduction which she brought to the leading people opened to her the doors of the highest circles. Her beauty and charming manners soon made her one of the leaders of Washington society. One of the men who were attracted to her, and who was seen at every gathering at which Miss Elliott (for thus was she named) made her appearance, was a young Englishman who had been drawn to Washington by our civil war. He had the entree of the best clubs, and report said that he was the second son of Lord Neville, in the peerage of England. He professed to be a friend of the northern cause and in favor of the national government. He, as well as Miss Elliott, was quite intimate with the family of the secretary of the treasury and with the chiefs of the other departments. At this time the credit of the government was being sustained by gold shipped from San Francisco. The dates of the sailing of the ships which should convey this money was known only to the secretary of the treasury. The line of Pacific mail steamships at that time running between San Francisco, Panama and New York were the old-style side-paddles. These ships had been fitted up to carry the gold for the United States government by putting on the port side of the ship, on the guard after the wheel, a steel safe with the bottom set on a center pivot. The entire safe was cased with woodwork, like the other parts of the steamer, so that it did not differ in appearance from the rest of the wood finishings.

When the government contemplated a shipment of gold, the subtreasurer at San Francisco was written to and the steamer in which it was to be shipped was named. The gold was prepared for shipment at the United States branch at San Francisco by packing sums of \$2,000 in separate boxes, screwing on the head, and sealing with wax each screw in the box, which was then stamped with a government seal. On Sunday before the sailing of the steamer, a picked set of workmen from the mint were selected and the boxes of gold were loaded on to drays before daylight and driven to the steamer, and there placed in the safe by the mint workmen. This was done so quietly and at such unusual hours that it was known only to a few men and the officers of the mail steamship company. When the gold was all stored in the safe, the subtreasurer locked it. The American consul at Panama, upon the arrival of the steamer, unlocked the safe, and the boxes of gold were taken across the isthmus on the cars by night, placed on board the steamer at Aspinwall, and locked in the safe on that ship by the consul there; thus no one on either steamer had any means of opening the safe while the gold was in transit. As I have remarked, the weight of the safe was hung on center pivots to keep the bottom of the safe in place; there were also side bolts fixed so that they could be pulled out at any desired time, the method of which was known only to the captains of the steamers. This arrangement had been provided in case that if any of the confederate cruisers attacked the Pacific Mail steamers, the southern confederacy should not have the benefit of the United States gold, for the captain of the steamer had instructions that if attacked he was to pull the bolt and let the millions go to the bottom of the sea.

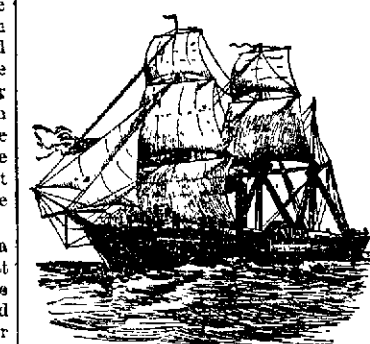
By reason of the intimate relations which Miss Elliott and Neville held with the family of the secretary of the treasury, they had become cognizant of these facts; and Neville soon after left Washington for San Francisco in order to make preparation to capture the next large shipment of government gold from the Pacific mail steamer which should be designated by the secretary of the treasury to carry it. Miss Elliott remained in Washington in order to get and send to Neville the date of the shipment, which she in her artfully artless manner intended to learn from the secretary of the treasury, who had become completely fascinated by her beauty and childlike winning ways. As soon as Neville had perfected his plans for seizing the steamer, a schooner was purchased in Callao, and arms and guns sufficient for two vessels, which had been shipped from England, were taken on board. The schooner then sailed for the Santa Cruz islands, off Santa Barbara, and there waited for another schooner, the Chapman, which had been purchased at San Francisco. She was easily fitted out for a coasting voyage, and she took on board men enough to man the two vessels. Both schooners were to fly the confederate flag under letters of marque. The schooner from Callao was named the Vesta, and was fitted up with a pivot gun, and made a formidable privateersman.

Neville had worked out his plans so successfully that he wrote to Miss Elliott that he could be ready for action within two weeks after her arrival in San Francisco. Upon receipt of this intelligence, Miss Elliott left Washington and sailed on the mail steamer from New York, and arrived in San Francisco in due course. Here they awaited the sailing of the vessel which had been designated to carry a shipment of gold to the government. Upon this ship, the John L. Stephens, Miss Elliott, Neville and eight of their confederates took passage.

Thus far there had been no hitch in Neville's plans. Now trouble commenced. The schooner Chapman had been for two weeks ready for her coasting voyage, and, as she did not go to sea, the United States officers became suspicious of her and placed a watch where they could observe everything occurring on board. They also searched

the vessel, but found everything correct, and would have dismissed the watch had not a well-known southerner, while intoxicated, bragged of what they were going to do. This was reported to the revenue officers, and extra precautions were taken. At the time Miss Elliott arrived in San Francisco, Neville gave orders to the captain to take the men who had been engaged in San Francisco weeks before, and who were then at different sailors' boarding houses, to put to sea and join her consort off the island of Santa Cruz. These men went on board in the night, and next morning the ship got under way, showing only the usual number of men on deck. But the United States revenue cutter stopped her, and conveyed her to an anchorage under the guns of Alcatraz island. The officers and crew of 47 men were arrested.

In order not to have his plans blocked, Neville started two men overland on horseback for Santa Barbara, to take boat from there to the island and notify the captain of the Vesta of the seizure of the Chapman. The captain of the Vesta was ordered to intercept the steamer, and was told that Neville and his confederates would be on board to assist him, and that they would disable the machinery of the vessel in case the guns of the schooner did not compel the steamer to stop while they took the gold from her. But "the best-laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley." When the two messengers crossed to the island from Santa Barbara they found the captain and all hands of the Vesta



THE JOHN L. STEPHENS

"blind drunk," and before they could be sobered up and get ready the John L. Stephens went steaming by with the government gold.

It seems that United States Marshal Rand had got wind of the contemplated raid to capture the gold on the steamer, and he warned the officers of the steamer of what might be attempted and placed on board 12 of his deputies, dressed as old Californians. These men took passage in the steerage and professed to be returning to their eastern homes. They had holsters with pistols belted around their waists, in the usual California style. They made the acquaintance of Neville's men and two of them agreed to guard Neville and every one of his gang.

The plot miscarried and the steamer passed on her way to Panama without any trouble.

The syndicate of English friends of the southern confederacy lost all that Neville had expended in fitting out the expedition with the exception of the proceeds of the sale of the schooner Vesta and her supplies at Hong Kong, whither she went after the failure of Neville's plans. The confederates of Neville who sailed with him on the steamer were paid off by him at Panama, and he and Miss Elliott took the French steamer at Aspinwall for the West Indies and Europe. The newspapers of San Francisco gave an account of the "tempest in a teapot" when the schooner Chapman was seized for attempted piracy.

The vigilance of Marshal Rand on this occasion saved the government \$4,000,000.—San Francisco Argonaut.



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 Dependable Fabrics that will not shrink or fade—the kind that are pretty, stylish and serviceable—and yet the cost is only a little. The saving on a single dress is almost enough to buy another.
 50 pieces of fine corded stripes, new all over printing, at yd. 10c
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 A very special showing of all the latest novelties—a very special selling at prices that find no counterpart in Decatur.
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 A full line of Ruching in all fashionable shades, yd. 25 and 35c
 Stylized Ruching for neckwear and parasol trimming from a yd. 50c to \$2.50
 All the new styles in Shirt Waist Collars of Mousseline and Bebe ribbon in pink, blue and cardinal, at each 40c
DAINTY RIBBONS.
 New Roman stripes at yd. 10c
 Batiste Ribbons in new colors: { Plaid, yd. 39c
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 We cannot impress the fact upon our patrons too often—that only here can you find such a unusual corset value.
 There is scarcely a standard make that we do not carry and in addition we are at present making a specialty of Corsets and Waists for bicycling and other Physical exercises.
 25 dozen Ladies' Summer Corsets, with two side-steels in the side—the 50c kind at
31c each.

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LADIES' SPRING JACKETS
 A CLEARANCE.
 153 Ladies' Spring Jackets, out fly front with full back and new style sleeves, full silk lined. Colors—black, navy, brown, tan, army blue, apple green and heliotrope.
 810.00 Jackets.... Clearance price \$ 6.75
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SPRING CAPES!
 One lot of Ladies' \$5 silk capes (exactly like cut) Full sweep with trimming around collar.
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 50 Ladies' cloth suits in four styles. Fly front, reefer, blazer and bolero effects—made up in plain and fancy mixtures. They sold earlier in the season at \$12.00, \$13.50 and \$15.00. All one price now. Your choice. **\$9.75**
 79 Ladies' separate skirts—very stylish with Shirt Waists. Made in latest style, peraline lined and velvetene bound, black, brown, tan and green checks and a great assortment of fancy Scotch and English mixtures. They're the kind that sold for \$5.98. Now **\$3.98**
 500 Ladies' Lawn Wrappers—just what you want for this warm weather. A special advantage of those that are worth \$1.25—**85c** This week.

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Bargains! Barg
 We have purchased for cash \$8,000 of chandises from the Great Salvage Sale of Louis. Mo. We want it positively under we buy these goods if they were badly desirable as if purchased from the factor
We Bought Them
 The goods consist almost wholly of Calicoes, Lawns, Dimities, Ginghams, Wear, Hosiery, Laces and Embroideries, bargains from every department, creating ratur paper. We are too busy to enumerate. Remember we guarantee to refund y thing is not satisfactory and as represent
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2c A YARD.
 5,000 yards of Calicoes, every color: black, greys, indigo blues, red, claret, medium, light or dark dress prints, always retailed at 5c, 6c and 7c; to day and all this week as long as they last, they go for a yard. **2c**
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 5,000 yards of heavy yard wide Unbleached Shootings. We never exag gerate; it is the regular 5 quality. Today and as long as it lasts, **2c** a yard.
3c A YARD.
 4,000 yards of Bleached yard wide Muslin, not a particle of starch or dress ing; sold everywhere for 6c and 7c; our price to-day and as long as **3c** at last, a yard **3c**
6c A YARD.
 1,000 yards of fine yard wide Cambric, never sold less than 10c. To day and as long as it lasts, a yard **6c**
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 1,000 yards of Standard Apron Ginghams, in small, neat checks, blues, blacks, browns, greens, pinks, etc., always sold for 5c a yard. Today and as long as they last, a yard **2c**
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Bargains! Bargains! Bargains!

We have purchased for cash \$3,000.00 worth of New, Perfect, Desirable Mer-
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Louis, Mo. We want it positively understood that under no circumstances would
we buy these goods if they were badly damaged or imperfect. They are just as
desirable as if purchased from the factory, only

We Bought Them for 50c on the Dollar.

The goods consist almost wholly of Linens, Bedspreads, Sheets, Sheetings,
Calicoes, Lawns, Dimities, Ginghams, White Goods, Shirtings, Tickings, Under-
wear, Hosiery, Laces and Embroideries. With these we place on special sale
bargains from every department, creating the lowest prices ever printed in a De-
catur paper. We are too busy to enumerate the thousands of bargains.

Remember we guarantee to refund your money in every instance where every-
thing is not satisfactory and as represented.

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2½c A YARD.

500 yards of Calicoes, every color;
black, grey, indigo blue, red, claret,
medium, light or dark dress prints,
always retained at 5c, 6c and 7c; to-
day and all this week as long 2½c
as they last, they go for a yard. 2½c

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500 yards of heavy yard wide Un-
bleached Sheetings. We never exag-
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100 yards of Bleached yard wide Mus-
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black, brown, greens, pinks, etc.,
always sold for 3c a yard. Today 2½c
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5c A YARD.

1,000 yards of new, pretty, dainty Dim-
ities, sold everywhere for 10c a
yard, they go for a yard. 5c

ALL AT 10c A YARD.

100 pieces of new, beautiful Wash
Goods, every make, Organdies, Jaco-
nets, Lappet Mulls, Etc., Etc., worth
15c, 18c and 20c, all in one lot
for, a yard. 10c

PARIS MUSLINS.

50c Paris Muslins at 25c
75c Paris Muslins, 2 yards wide 50c
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5c Toweling for 2c
7c All Linen Toweling 5c
25c Red Table Linen 12½c
30c Red Table Linen 20c
72-inch Half Bleached 50c Table
Linen, 2 yards wide 25c
75c Table Linen for 43c

Thousands of Bargains We Have Not Time to Enumerate.

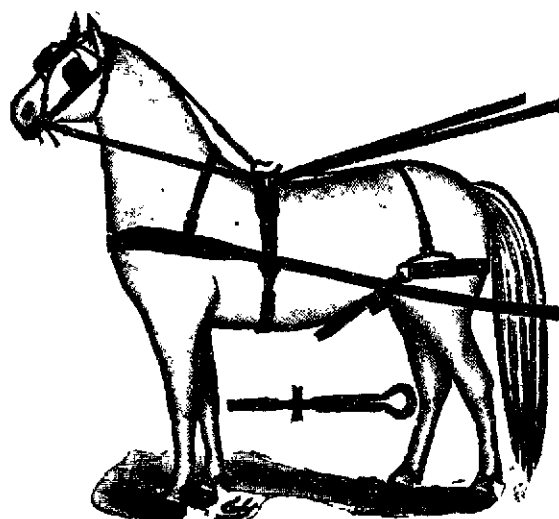
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**WITH ANOTHER BARGAIN
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For this week we will give you a \$17.00 Single
Driving Harness for



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This harness has an extra heavy breast collar,
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**We have the Best Line of Summer
Robes Ever Shown.**

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Lincoln Square.

HER LAST TRIP.

Revenue Cutter Andy Johnson to
Be Sold at Cleveland.

Old Government Vessel Serves Her
Day as a Revenue Cutter—Gives
Way to the Fleet
Gresham.

Some time within the next two weeks
the old revenue cutter Andrew Johnson
will pass Detroit en route for Cleveland.
It will be her last trip as a revenue
cutter. She has cleared from Milwau-
kee, for many years her halting port,
for the Soo, where Capt. Davis goes to
look after some details of patrolling
the Soo river this season. Then she will
go to Cleveland, tie up at a dock and be
knocked down to the highest bidder.
At Cleveland Capt. Davis and his men
will be transferred to the new revenue
cutter Gresham.

The Johnson is one of the most fa-
miliar craft on Lakes Michigan and Su-
perior, and her passage will be like the
removal of an old friend. She is the
last of the old sidewheelers on the lakes
and it is doubtful if Uncle Sam ever se-
cured more service from any one boat
than from the Johnson. For the past
32 years she has been plying the lakes,
but in all this time there was but one
occasion when it became necessary to
discharge one of her guns loaded with
solid shot. This was in bringing a gang
of smugglers to time in Lake Superior.

At the time the Johnson was built,
in Buffalo, in 1864, there were three
sister boats built with her and all de-
signed for the revenue service. Two
were side-wheelers like the Johnson,
while the third was equipped with side
propellers, but the experiment was not
a successful one. Of the other two, one
remains in the service of the govern-
ment, but greatly altered. The other
two boats were the W. P. Fessenden and
the John A. Dix. The Fessenden has its
headquarters at Detroit, but some years
ago was thoroughly overhauled and re-
built with a steel hull. The Dix went
out of commission years ago and was
turned into a passenger steamer, doing
service for some time out of Milwaukee
on the old Engelman line. The craft
is still in the passenger service at Chi-
cago, as an excursion boat.

Capt. A. B. Davis, the commander of
the Andy Johnson, and who will sail the
Gresham, entered the revenue service in
1861. He was appointed to the com-
mand of the Johnson in 1883 and served
in that position until 1885, when he was
assigned to duty on the Pacific coast.
In 1888 he again returned to the com-
mand of the Johnson, and has continued
in that position up to the present time.
Capt. Davis was born in Philadelphia in
1832 and went to sea when he was 17
years of age, on one of his father's ships.
When only 21 years of age he became
captain of the steamer Gov. Von Ox-
holm, plying between Philadelphia and
the West India islands, in the mer-
chant service. The captain has been a
widower since 1872.

MAY ABSORB ITS SUBURBS.

Proposition to Extend the Military
Zone of Paris.

The question of doing away with the
military zone and the fortifications
around Paris is being discussed with
some prospect of success, provided,
however, that a new military zone is
created further out and new fortifica-
tions built. The present structures are
useless, except to guard against sur-
prise during a siege.

The military zone, where for half a
mile no building was allowed to be
erected, was instituted for the purpose
of giving a clear view to the defenders
over the surrounding country. But Paris
is down in a hollow, and big towns
like Neuilly and Boulogne have grown
up beyond the half-mile limit, com-
pletely obstructing the horizon. So it
is now proposed to move the whole
line to the summit of the heights sur-
rounding Paris from Mount Valerien
on the one side to Rosny on the other.
Beyond these heights there are no large
towns to obstruct the view, and they
form the natural strategic defenses of
Paris.

If this should be accomplished the
octroi or city tax on everything coming
through the gates will have to be abo-
lished or the new district added to the
city, which, in either case, will be an
advantage. It would add about half a
million to the population and about ten
square miles of territory.

A RICH YIELD.

Gold and Silver Product of California
for 1896 Was \$17,604,025.

The statistician of the United States
mint in San Francisco has just forward-
ed to the director of the mint at Wash-
ington the annual report of the gold and
silver production of California, which
covers the yield of 1896. According to
returns received at the mint the gold
yield of California last year was \$17,
181,562, which is an increase over 1895
of \$3,847,245. The yield of silver was
\$422,436, a decreased production for
the year of \$177,353. The total gold and
silver product of the state for the year
was \$17,604,025, which is a total increase
over the previous year of \$1,569,918.
This is considered a very satisfactory
showing.

A Sarcasmic Note.

A famous astronomer whose knowl-
edge of arithmetical facts was a dread-
ful engine of conversation once diverted
himself by asking the company if they
were aware of the immense distance
they were from Heaven. It was, he
informed them, so many millions of
diameters to the solar system, and
would take many thousand years to
traverse. "I don't know the distance
nor the time," exclaimed the Scotch-
man who was present, "that it would
take you to get to Heaven, but I know
this—that it will not take you a mil-
lionth part of the time to go to the other
place."

A Healthful City.

St. Paul boasts of the low death rat-
of 6.87 per cent.



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BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers,
have another of their popular EXCURSIONS
TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, MAY 11TH,
where they are selling so much of
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prairie, most of them new and rich, have never
had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper
and better lands, better terms than any one, and
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and elsewhere. Railroad fare refunded to all
purchasers of land. In fact we do this without ad-
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PETERSON IN COURT.

A Young Man Who Has Spent Many
Months in Jail.

The case of the People vs. Ely Tobill,
alias Melvin S. Johnson, alias Erastus
Peterson, charged with having forged a
bank check on Chicago bank, came
on before Justice Hardy on a preliminary
hearing this afternoon. The prosecution
was represented by Attorney A. H. Mills
and Attorney Letha, the defendant by
Attorney John B. Moffett. An effort
will be made to secure an acquittal of
the accused because of an alleged defect
in the warrant. The witnesses for the
prosecution are on hand ready to testify.
The prisoner was in jail at Marshall for
several months, but when his case there
came to trial he was discharged. Mar-
shal Mason kept his eye on him and when
Tobill was acquitted Deputy Sheriff
Holmes was there with a state warrant,
ready to bring the young man to Decatur
to answer the forgery charge. Tobill is
a modest, clean looking chap and would
not be picked out in a crowd for crooked-
ness.

The Lady's Age.

The prince of Wales about five years
ago met a charming lady, well-known
in London society, at Homburg. "You
are young enough," he said in the course
of conversation, "for me to be able to ask
your age." "Twenty-five," was the ready
reply. This summer his royal high-
ness met the lady again. "What," he
asked again with a humorous smile,
"is your age, I wonder?" "Twenty-
five," again said the lady. "But you
said that the last time I met you," re-
marked the prince with a smile. "Well,
sir," laughed the lady, "and would you
have me contradict myself?"—London
Lady's Pictorial.

—In business a man may amount to
more than his predecessor, but no sec-
ond husband can ever be as great as
the man who preceded him.—Atchison
Globe

**We are
All Ready**

—FOR—

**Another Big Sale
of Millinery,
...Saturday, May 8th...**

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All kinds of Hats Trimmed and
Untrimmed.

All kinds of Sclors and Walkers.

All kinds of Flowers, Wreaths,
Berries, Cherries, Foliage, Mon-
tures, etc., etc.

All at Cut Prices.

Don't fail to attend this sale if
you want the newest and best at
the lowest prices.

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Bigger company than ever, with many
New Features, such as half a dozen
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scope, songs with the illustrated
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OPENING PLAY—

"A Mad Marriage."

Ladies Free Monday evening when accompa-
nied by a person with one paid 30c ticket, if re-
ceived before 6 o'clock Monday p.m.

PRICES—10, 20 and 30 Cents.

This attraction will close the season at the
Grand.

**HOT WEATHER
GOODS at...** **Johnston's.**

You'll Find Everything Just as Advertised.

Summer Union Suits at 50c a suit.
Muslin Night Gowns, all embroidery
trimmed, at 50c, 75c and 98c.
Ladies' Muslin Drawers, cambric ruffled,
at only 25c.

Skirts.

Fine figured Brilliantine Skirts, the
\$3.00 kind, at \$1.98.
Linen Crash Skirts, the cool skirt for
summer, at \$1.98; usually worth \$3.

Parasols.

An elegant Silk Twilled Parasol, 98c.
An extra fine Sun Umbrella, the \$2.50
kind, on sale at \$1.48 this week.

Shirt Waists.

Nice dainty Percales and Lawns, with
separate collars, at 49c.
Handsome Figured Dimities, made with
white separate collars, at 75c.
Lovely line of Sheer Dimities and
Mulls in waists, the \$1.50 and \$2.00
kind, at 98c.

Ladies' Oxford Low Shoes—a nice line
at 98c a pair.

Shirt Waist Sets—Nice new assortment
at 25c set.

Men's Summer Undershirts and Draw-
ers at 25c each.

Ribbons at 20c—One lot fine Taffeta

Figured Silk Ribbons, 3½ and 4½
inches wide, on sale at 20c a yard.
Value, 50c yd.

We Sell You the Very Best Goods for Your Money.

Chas. T. Johnston's

151 North Water Street.

**SPECIAL
SALE...**

**For Saturday
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**We will sell—
Men's and Boys'
Half Laundered Shirts,**

**In Striped and Checked Percales,
well worth 50c,**

For 29 Cents Each

**B. STINE
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245-249 NORTH WATER STREET.
NEXT TO BRADLEY BROS.

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Have just returned from St. Louis where they attended the
Big Auction Sale of the ELY & WALKER SALVAGE STOCK
OF DRY GOODS, Etc. Call and see them and they will
show you what FIRE SALE BARGAINS mean at their new
store.

Latest thing out in Silk and Wool Dress Goods, 48 inches wide, worth \$2.25
per yard, for 98c per yard.

Bleached Muslin, 36 inches wide, worth 7c, for 5c per yard.

Toile du Nord Ginghams, worth 10c everywhere, for 8½c per yard.

Real Manchester Chambray for 8½c per yard, and many other choice bargains

Also a beautiful line of new Wash Goods and Silk Waist Patterns that are
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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, in and for MAON COUNTY, In the Circuit Court to the June Term, A. D. 1897.

Miles K. Young, Receiver of the Illinois Building and Loan Association, of Bloomington, Illinois, vs. E. M. Weygandt, William L. Johnson and Albert T. Summers, in Chancery, No. 1578.

Admittance that E. M. Weygandt, one of the defendants above named, is a non-resident of the State of Illinois, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of said county, and summons having been issued against the above named defendants to the effect of Macon county, which has been returned, returnable to the first day of the next June term of said court, to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county, on the first Monday in said month of June, A. D. 1897, being the 7th day of June, A. D. 1897.

Now therefore, unless you the said E. M. Weygandt, shall be and appear before said court on the first day of said term, and plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree rendered against you according to the prayer thereof.

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Jan 24-25

QUEER TURN TO RACE QUESTION

Chinaman Converted by Whites of Georgia Marries a Negress.

The church circles of the aristocratic little city of Americus, Ga., are all torn up over a trivial question of race, and the negroes are the ones who are puzzled. The presence of two Chinamen, one named Joe King, aroused the missionary instincts of the pious ladies of the First Baptist church, who pressed them into Sunday school and finally induced Joe to come into full communion. He was then given a seat in the amen corner, and was counted as being on the white side of society, having the run of the hotel soda fountains, barber shops, etc.

A short while ago this church, which has for its membership the most exclusive congregation of southwest Georgia, the descendants of old-time planters, split and King became a controlling figure between the factions. Several days ago it was announced that this adopted pet of white society was about to wed a coal-black negress. Indignation then broke forth.

King was appealed to by his white patrons, but in vain, and the marriage was set.

The women, not to be outdone, consulted attorneys, and one of them, with a bill of injunction, started for Cordell to have it signed by Judge Littlejohn. The ground for injunction was that the marriage would destroy the value of the business done by King's partner. Love was not to be beaten, however, and the couple sought a black preacher and were made one, to the tears and indignation of the missionaries.

A new development then arose in that the colored people who cater to white trade have cut King off their list. They say that while the whites kept the Chinaman on their list he was so treated, but now he has allied himself to the negroes they will rule him out, as they do the rest of their race. The missionaries feel chagrined over the outcome of their first work in the foreign field.

SEQUEL TO WAR INCIDENT.

Chief Joseph, of Nez Perce Indians, and Capt. Jerome Meet.

Twenty years ago, shortly after the Custer massacre, Lieut. Lovell J. Jerome, of the United States army, under Gen. Miles, was taken prisoner by a band of the Nez Perce Indians. He was stationed at Fort Ellis, Mont. On the same day a detachment of soldiers captured Chief Joseph, the leader of the marauding Indians. News of the two captures at once found its way to the hostile camps, and, after three days spent in conferences, Lieut. Jerome was exchanged by the Indians for Chief Joseph. The other day in Buffalo Bill's cabin at Ambrose park, Brooklyn, these two men again faced each other for the first time since. Chief Joseph visited the brave in the Wild West camp to see that they are happy and contented and Lieut. (now Capt.) Jerome called on him.

Chief Joseph smiled broadly, and through the interpreter said: "I was a good friend of the white man, for I knew that were the Indians to harm the man from the Second Horse (cavalry) Gen. Miles would kill me. I am glad we are both alive now, and that those days are over."

ATTACKED BY FROGS.

Terrible Experience of a Man Who Attempts to Cleanse a Well.

Elmer Cantor, of Union, N. Y., for some time has noticed a peculiar taste in the water in his well, and he determined to clean it. William Forbes was engaged to pump it out, and after draining off as much water as possible he descended into the well. Suddenly Cantor heard a loud commotion in the water and a muffled cry for help. He thought the man had been overcome by gas and hurried down to find a squirming mass on the water, with which Forbes was battling. On projecting stones above his head and in the water around him were thousands of frogs. Some were monstrous fellows, and it seemed as though they had made a preconcerted attack.

They were leaping upon his head and shoulders from all directions, and he was covered with a slime that gave forth a sickening odor. It was with some difficulty that he was rescued from his perilous position, and had he remained in the water a short time longer he would have sunk helpless to the bottom. It is supposed the frogs reached the well from a pond by means of an underground channel.

SHAW'S GARDEN, ST. LOUIS.

This Beautiful Spot to Be Enlarged by One Hundred Acres.

The board of trustees of the Missouri botanical garden, better known as Shaw's garden, at St. Louis, said to be the finest in the world, has decided to increase its area by the addition of 100 acres and expend at least \$150,000 upon its improvements. Plans are being prepared by the Olmsteads, of Boston, the noted landscape gardeners who improved Central park, New York, and built the wooded island at the world's fair, Chicago.

The improvements will include the making of a "synopsis of North American Flora," representatives of every family of plants indigenous to the continent to be planted. The collection will include fully 4,000 specimens. This will embrace all the flora of the continent, except a few families of parasites that cannot be cultivated.

Let the Pup's Mother Choose.

A man who claims to know something about dogs advises anyone wishing to pick out a good puppy from a litter to let the mother choose for him. He says that in moving her pups the mother dog always picks up the best one last.

English Women B. A's.

Nearly 500 women have taken the B. A. degree at London university, and nearly 400 have passed the tripos examinations at Cambridge.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whisky or other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1 per bottle at West's drug store.

Some parents spare the rod until their children fall them over the head with it.

A Queer (?) Medicine.

There is a medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skilled physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Hanlon of Baltimore says the race ought to be closer this year than it has been for four years.

Unconditional surrender, is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Though Anson's men are losing games with alarming regularity, other clubs count them as being decidedly in the race.

When a cold is contracted, cure it at once. One Minute Cough Cure will set you on the road to recovery in a minute. It will cure pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all forms of lung and throat troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Sockalexis has certainly made himself certain of right field for Cleveland. Some other clubs can have Blake now.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

While Hanlon of Baltimore seems to have doubts of his team being able to win again, it is going right along capturing games in the same old form.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Tommy White's recent victory over McMahon at Albany in 17 rounds was one of the easiest he ever scored.

Have You Kidney Trouble?

A 50c trial bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure will prevent serious results from this unusually fatal disease. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Interest in the Creedon-McCoy contest is greater than in any except the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight that has occurred for six months.

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin affections. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

It has been found by experiment that tea retards digestion.

It should be made a matter of public knowledge that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will speedily cure piles of the longest standing. It is the household favorite for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises and sores of all kinds. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

One of the latest patriotic poetries is one to be composed wholly of descendants of colonial governors.

PERSONAL—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

In Arran, where the maidenhair fern grows plentifully, some of the inhabitants use it as a substitute for tea.

Not only acute lung troubles, which may prove fatal in a few days, but old chronic coughs and throat troubles may receive immediate relief and be permanently cured by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Rotary snow plows are being used with some success in shoveling water off the railway tracks in South Dakota.

A Warm Friend.

Foley's Colic Cure is very hot, but when diluted it is a warm friend, indeed, to those suffering from bowel complaints. It never fails. 25c and 50c. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

If you would raise yourself in the estimation of some haughty mortals you must kneel at their feet.

To Consumptives.

As an honest remedy, Foley's Honey and Tar does not hold out false hopes in advanced stages, but truthfully claims to give comfort and relief in the very worst cases, and in the early stages to effect a cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

There is no other remedy for the blues quite equal to heroic doses of useful employment.

Unfortunate People

are they who while suffering from Kidney Diseases are prejudiced against all advertised remedies. They should know that Foley's Kidney Cure is not a quick remedy, but an honest guaranteed medicine for Kidney and Bladder troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

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Heart Disease Diseases of the heart have become alarmingly frequent. There are few diseases of the human system more calculated to injure the mind with serious apprehensions than those of the heart. The importance of working from the varied phenomena which present themselves the true cause of the same, and curing should be our first concern. The affected either functional or structural, is speedily and safely cured by my treatment.

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LOCAL NEWS.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.
MASONIC.—Stated communication of Lodge No. 322, A. F. and M. M., this (Monday) evening, at 8 o'clock, for work. By order of W. L. Lowry, W. M. J. S. McCullough, Sec.

Ladies free at the Grand tonight. Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kook.

Irwin's harmless headache powder cures in 15 minutes.

Last assembly dance of the season Monday night.—8-25

Fun, fun, fun, at the opera house tonight.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dtd

Smoke the famous Loda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Moh 25 tf.

After May 15th we close at 7 p. m. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Telephone 344.

Thomas Metz has returned from St. Louis where he attended the national meeting of the Turners.

On and after June 1st we will close on Sunday. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Telephone 344. 4d30t.

Ask your druggist for the German Catarrh Cure, a positive cure for catarrh, asthma, cough, colds and headache. mar 16-dtd

The commencement exercises of the Maroon schools will be held next Wednesday evening.

At the C. B. Prescott music house you will find the famous Reed & Sons' and Haines upright pianos. They are the leading favorites in Decatur.

The Star clothing house has moved into the Hizer building on North Water street.

J. H. Dowden of Harrison was in the city today.

Next Monday evening the members of the College street chapel will give a social at the home of Mrs. J. K. Love, on North College street.

Plenty of good singing and dancing at the Grand tonight.

There were about fifty young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones on West King street Saturday afternoon to attend the birthday party for Master Jones, who is nine years of age. Fine refreshments were served.

"You're not so warm"—wait till you hear Miss Jefferson in her famous negro songs at the opera house tonight.

The stockholders of the Citizens Mutual Telephone company will meet again on the night of June 8. John Lee represented Mr. Hopkins at the meeting held Saturday night, and he secured an adjournment. All of the minority stock has been assigned to the control of C. S. Hankins, Marie Macpherson, G. W. Scovill, A. F. Hopkins and F. C. Roby.

Songs with the illustrated views tonight at the Grand.

The following were the pall bearers at the funeral of Mrs. Purdy held this afternoon at the tabernacle, William Burgess, W. A. Mackey, W. Myers, O. J. Griswold, W. M. Bivans and D. R. Bolser.

Last Notice to Taxpayers.

The application for judgment against all properties on which taxes remain unpaid, is now being prepared and will soon be filed in the county court. Immediate payment will save taxpayers the penalties imposed by law.

The collection of these penalties is not discretionary with the treasurer, but is mandatory.

CHAS. H. PATTERSON,
County Treasurer.

May 8-32

Went to Rock Island.

The following ladies left this afternoon for Rock Island, Ill., to attend the Supreme Head Camp of the Royal Neighbors of America: Mrs. Charles Sommeron of Vandalia, Mrs. Eva Davis of Mulberry Grove, Mrs. Lola Richards of Olney, Mrs. McWilliams of Danana, Mrs. A. T. Grist and Mrs. S. Dienthaber of Decatur.

A New Paper.

"The Unionist" is the name of a new weekly paper, just issued by C. D. Hamilton, the editor and manager. It is a paper of six columns and is devoted exclusively to the interests of the laboring people. The subscription price is one dollar a year.

No Election in Florida.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 10.—The legislature in joint session today failed to elect a United States senator.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—Jan 9-3d&wt

Lots of fun for the gallery gods at the Grand tonight.

The Dog Catcher.

It is now time to buy dog tax for this year. Today the dog catcher was out with his wagon ready to take up any stray dogs without a tag. The dog tax this year is \$1 instead of \$2 as last year.

CYCLONE Insurance in first class companies. J. L. Drake, over P. O.

IT MADE TROUBLE.

The Lightning Sunday Set Fire to the Residence of C. A. Towne.

STREET CARS BROKE DOWN

On Account of the Storm—Manager Ferguson and Sol Ray Burned at the Power House—Other Damage Done.

The storm Sunday did considerable damage about the city. The lightning set fire to a house and also burned the wires of the street car company causing the cars to be stopped for an hour and a half during the afternoon. The rain was a very heavy one. During the afternoon the total precipitation was 1.78 inches, an unusually large rainfall for one day. The rain began about 1 o'clock and fell in such torrents that the streets were flooded. In the northern part of the city there were such quantities of water in the streets that the sewers would not carry it off and the cellars of some of the houses were flooded.

Manager Ferguson Burned.

The lightning made a good deal of trouble for the street car company. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon Manager Ferguson and Sol Ray, the engineer, were at the power house, working with the switch board. They attempted to put a plug in the switch board to connect two wires. The lightning passed through the wires and caused a sudden blaze. Mr. Ferguson's hands were burned quite severely, his face was slightly burned and his eyes were also affected by the heat. Sol Ray, who was standing beside Mr. Ferguson when the accident happened, had one side of his face and one hand badly burned. The accident made a good deal of trouble for the company men and the cars were stopped for about an hour and a half.

Other Damage.

The lightning struck a telephone pole on West William street near Pine. The lightning ran down the wire on the pole and took a piece out of one side. There was a high wind accompanying the rain which blew sign boards loose and did some little damage. The tin roof of the little tower at the east end of the library block was blown loose and swung in the wind.

The fire at the C. A. Towne dwelling on West King street it is thought was caused by lightning, not from a defective fuse.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Senate Will Investigate Storm and Flood—Cuban Revolution Up Again—Democratic Caucus.

Washington, May 10.—The senate agreed to the resolution directing the commerce committee to inquire into the causes of the recent Mississippi river floods and report next December.

Senator Hale opposed the Morgan Cuban resolution and closed by saying: "Six hundred men had money to aid Greece where one had gone to aid Cuba. Turpie favored the Cuban resolution. The Indianian hoped the present age of revolution would last long enough to drive the last remnant of monarchy from the American continent.

Geat, of Iowa, gave notice he would move tomorrow to take up the Pacific railroad bill and make it unfinished business.

Democratic Senatorial Caucus.

The Democrats held a caucus to consider the report of the committee which filled the vacancies in the senate committee. The report was adopted. The most important changes assigned to senators are as follows: Appropriations, Berry; Finance, Turpie; Indian affairs, Earl; Judiciary, Chilton; Bacon, Gray; Military affairs, Pettus; Naval affairs, Butler (Populist); Missouri, Palfrey; Postoffice and postroads, Mitchell; Potas, Clay; Privileges, elections, Faulkner, Caffery, Allen (Pop.); Pettus; Public buildings, grounds, Murphy, Rawlins, Turner (Pop.); Public lands, Allen (Pop.); Cannon (Silver Rep.); McNairy; Rules, Pascoe; Territories, Helfeld (Pop).

Will Adjourn.

Judge Vail stated this afternoon that on Saturday next after disposing of a few cases to receive attention, he would adjourn the January term of the circuit court until court in course, which will be the June term. If the bill now pending in the legislature is passed, there will be changes in the Macon county terms of court.

Death of an Infant.

The infant daughter of Mrs. Mary Larkin died at 2:30 o'clock this morning at the family home No. 761 Railroad avenue, aged 7 months. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the residence. Rev. Hobbs will conduct the services and the burial will be at Bolling Springs cemetery.

Death of Mrs. Purdy.

Mrs. Little Purdy, the wife of Albert Purdy, died Saturday night at her home No. 820 East Condit street, aged 25 years. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Christian church, Rev. George F. Hall officiating and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

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ADDITIONAL PERSONALIA.

—Miss Margaret Morphy returned last night from a visit to Indianapolis.

—E. J. Strader went to Chicago this morning on business.

—Dr. W. B. Hostetler was called to Hammond today.

—J. B. Beckett of Blue Mound was in the city today.

—Louis White returned from Chicago this afternoon.

—Supervisor Ross Hockaday of Oresana was in the city today.

—Mrs. D. H. Conklin went to Chicago this morning to visit friends.

—Attorney C. C. LeForge went to Tuscola today to take part in a law suit.

—Miss Stella Jenkins is at Taylorville visiting her friend, Miss Zell Plowman.

—Rev. G. R. Ritchie of Akron, Ohio, will preach at the Bethel of the Church of God tonight.

—Miss Elizabeth Whitehurst, who has been visiting friends in Springfield, returned home this morning.

—Henry McIntyre and Harle Wilson left today for Nashville, Tenn., where they will attend the exposition.

—I. P. Cope of Olney is in the city visiting his sons, A. H. and L. N. Cope. He will be in the city several weeks.

—Weeden C. Smith, the postal clerk at the depot, is taking a vacation of a few days and has gone fishing.

—Mrs. H. M. Kellogg will leave for Rochester, N. Y., tomorrow and Mr. Kellogg will go west on a business trip.

—Mrs. Walter Nims, who has been in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. Pease, returned this morning to her home in Chicago.

—Tyler Meriwether, who attends the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, will be home this week to spend the summer vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meriwether.

—S. B. McCannan has resigned his position with the Western Union company in this city and has left for Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he will take a position as operator with the Postal Telegraph company.

—Comrade W. F. Martin was one of the last veterans to get back from the state G. A. R. encampment at Galesburg. He was in the joyful push that escorted Col. Schimpf, the new commander, to his home at Peoria, and he was in the big escort that welcomed the Colonel. Peoria comrades were in spasms of hilarity over the result of the election and it was long after midnight before the jubilee came to an end.

Tabernacle Church Services.

There were six more additions at the Tabernacle and at the close of the evening service fourteen baptisms. There was one double baptism, a man and his wife. Rev. Hall's morning sermon was entitled "Going on to Perfection," and was an appeal to all of the new members to continue faithful. His evening sermon was on "The Last Call," and was of a revival nature. The choir did good work all day. The audiences have now become accustomed to Prof. Calvin's baton and the singing is always spirited. The rapid increase in membership of the Church street Christian church is becoming a subject of much comment. For six weeks past the average gain in membership has been over 30 per week. The church now has an enrollment of 622.

Contract Let.

Louis Koehler, the grocer, will begin the erection of a new brick store building on East Wood street next week. It will be two stories and a basement. The brick contract has been awarded to L. N. Cope and Charles Moffett, who have formed a partnership under the firm name of Moffett & Cope.

Isaac Harkrader has had brick walls built on the east and south sides of his auditorium barn on East Prairie street. The work was done by Moffett & Cope.

Improvement Notes.

W. H. Sorrgus is to make some improvements at his place on Prairie Avenue. The barn is being raised by K. J. Roberts. Moffett & Cope do the brick work.

The frame of Mr. Rizer's new dwelling in the 1109 block on North Edward street is up.

Seymour Campbell is making noticeable improvements at his home in the 12nd ward. Baker & Sons are doing the woodwork.

Steps Damaged.

The marble steps at the court house, leading from the first to the second floor, are in need of repair. In some manner unknown one of the toe sections has been broken and it reveals a hole and threatens danger of an accident. It is not known how or when the piece was broken. It is in a bad place. Supervisor May has given orders to have the break repaired at once.

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Great Opportunity to Piano Buyers—

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To those who may be interested in the purchase of either a piano or an organ, we have an extraordinary proposition that has never been made to the people of this community heretofore and may never be made again.

It is well known that we have carried on a large retail business here for the past three years, carrying a large and complete stock of pianos and organs of the finest grades and makes produced. Mr. Wood will retire from the firm June 1st, having accepted a position on salary as special agent. And Mr. Phillips will continue the business hereafter but it is absolutely necessary that the stock now on hand be all disposed of, to wind up perfectly our partnership affairs. In order to do this, and wind up matters quickly we have concluded to inaugurate a ten days' sale, offering every piano and organ in the house during the period of this ten days' sale on easy payments at actual factory cost, and very many instruments at less than the cost to produce them at the factory. All the stock has, or will be in the house within the next few days, some of which is out in the hands of agents and every instrument will be marked in plain factory cost figures except those which have been in the hands of agents, they will be marked regardless of cost and at a price which will insure their sale quickly.

This is a time of unusual offerings in the sale of all kinds of merchandise, but never in the history of this or any other community has such an opportunity presented itself whereby private parties could purchase pianos and organs on easy payments for less money in many cases than dealers can buy them for cash.

Beginning Monday, the 10th and continuing until the 21st, and no longer we will offer this entire stock at factory cost, and the prices and terms will astonish you, for when the expense of selling and the retail profit is deducted from articles of this character it almost, if not quite, out the regular retail price in two.

Remember that every instrument will be marked in plain factory cost figures no more will be asked no less accepted and a child can buy as well as the shrewdest, and as this stock consists of the very best pianos and organs that money and brains can produce, and the five year guarantee accompanying each instrument none need hesitate as to the quality and character of the goods, and you can save anywhere from \$100 to \$150 on a piano and from \$30 to \$50 on an organ.

We cannot here quote prices on everything, but as an example, we offer brand new pianos, full size and scale, in the various finishes; pianos that retail everywhere for from \$275 to \$425 sale price \$187, \$148, \$168, \$187, to \$203.

The highest grade of cabinet grand pianos that retail for \$475 and \$490 will go at the same proportionate rate of discount.

Little used upright and square pianos for \$135, \$100, \$75, \$50, \$30 and \$25.

Little used organs \$10, \$15, \$20 and \$30; in good condition and worth almost three times the money asked for them.

The terms of this sale will be as follows: All new pianos \$25 cash, and \$10 per month on the balance.

Organs that retail for \$75 and \$90 will go for \$37, \$48, \$62, to \$80. Terms \$5 cash, and \$3 to \$5 per month on the balance.

Remember the time, May 11th to May 21st and no longer at these prices and terms. Place, 331 North Water street, Decatur, Illinois.

Store open day and night during the sale.

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SULTAN SYMPATHIZES WITH THE KING

Reports that a Revolutionary Spirit is

Manifest Throughout Epirus—Sal-

isbury Goes Over the Situation

—Anything Suits Him.

Athens, May 11.—A collective note from the powers on the subject of mediation has been presented to Greece. It is said that the Greek government has accepted the conditions imposed and has confined its interests to the care of the powers. Active measures it is further stated, were taken at Constantinople today to stop any further advance of the Turkish troops under the command of Edhem Pasha. The collective note of the powers as cabled exclusively to the Associated Press last night is of the following effect: Upon a formal declaration by Greece that she will recall her troops from Crete and agree to such autonomous regime for Crete as the powers in their wisdom shall deem best, and accept unreservedly the counsels of the powers, they will intervene in the interests of peace.

SALISBURY ON THE SITUATION.

British Premier on the Status of Mediation Negotiations.

London, May 11.—The Earl of Kimberley, the Liberal leader in the House of Lords, asked yesterday whether Greece had announced her willingness to withdraw her troops from Crete and whether she had requested the powers to mediate with Turkey.

The Marquis of Salisbury replied that if he answered in the negative it would be strictly correct, yet such a reply might be misleading. Therefore, he would say a word on the subject. The Greek government had not asked for mediation, but members of that government had expressed a desire for mediation. The Greek government as a whole, the premier added, did not intend, to the best of his belief, to ask for mediation.

Regarding Crete, the Premier said there was some indefiniteness at the present stage of affairs. The Greek government does not conceive that it will be consistent with its position to promise an immediate and definite withdrawal of the Greek troops from Crete, but he (Lord Salisbury) understood, though the government had no official information on the subject that the Greek government is preparing to withdraw its troops from Crete in the not very distant future.

Continuing, the Marquis of Salisbury said:

"I am sorry to say that as we stand at present I do not think this assurance is entirely satisfactory to all the powers. However, I have only to answer for ourselves, and our instructions have been to join in any procedure for the purpose of entering upon mediation which is acceptable to the others. In our view the main point is to arrest as far as possible the effusion of blood, and we are not very particular about the forms. I regret very exceedingly that the Greek government is more particular about the forms than the circumstances in the case justify."

According to the Exchange Telegraph company private advices received in London from Constantinople declare sympathy for King George and the Greek government whose hands, in his opinion, were forced by revolutionary agents at Athens and Alexandria.

The Sultan, according to these advices, declines to claim a war indemnity, and proposes a Turkish Greek treaty upon the simultaneous evacuation of Thessaly and Crete. Finally, it is said that the Sultan desires to deal direct with Greece, and not through the powers.

REVOLUTIONARY UTTERANCES.

Greek Discontent in Epirus—Army in Ugly Temper.

London, May 11.—The correspondent of the "Daily Mail" with the Western Greek forces telegraphs from Patras: "I left Arta yesterday and drove sixty miles to reach the nearest railway. The questions asked and debated among the villagers on my route were not so much about the war as about what would follow the war, and the majority of opinions which I heard expressed were distinctly revolutionary in character. My impression is that everything is ripe for a serious political crisis or revolutionary movement."

"The army at Arta is not in a completely temper. Moreover, at Castrolibari, Agrinio and other places there are considerable numbers of troops who are still